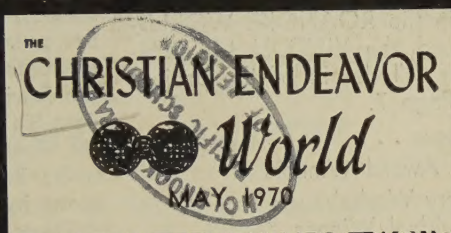


Letters To The Editor

# Readers' Forum



Sir:

Drug usage is a problem because of the people who are involved. We as Christian young people recently become aware that drugs are much more spread than we thought. People using drugs can be found mainly in the bigger cities of the United States but now drug users are a reality in Roanoke Valley.

Many of these people are searching for an answer—the kind of answer to the world's problems and their

We believe that there is only one answer which is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As a group of born-again believers, we feel that it is a Christian's duty to take a stand for the Lord and do all we can with God's guidance to understand and help drug users. Many in our city are trying to remedy the drug situation and help the drug users, but some are even trying to lead them to the Lord as Christ. Are we letting them do all the work? The question is, are the Christians of Roanoke Valley taking a stand for the Lord and doing their duty in the drug scene in our area?

Junior High and Senior High  
Christian Endeavor Societies  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2216 Peters Creek Rd., N.W.  
Roanoke, Virginia 24017

## The Cover . . .

This letter to the editor was part of the project by Junior and Senior High Endeavorers of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, which won first prize for societies in the 1970 Christian Youth Witness Program. The letter was printed in the ROANOKE WORLD-NEWS and the VINTON MESSENGER. For full details of the project turn to Page 7.

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12-13 — West Virginia Retreat, Martinsburg  
18-20 — Texas Convention, Dallas  
19-20 — Washington State Convention, Black Lake Conference Grounds

## Faith Changes Folks

Is it good to live in a changing world? Usually change has been good for the cause of the Redeeming Christ and for those who take Him seriously.

As you read the New Testament notice how much action and vitality are pulsing through its pages. Jesus is accused of breaking the laws of the Jewish Sabbath. By whose power does He teach and heal? Do you know the verse, Acts 17:6? Should that hint to us how a living faith grows and glows by applying it daily to life?

Those who decide for change—first doing one's best, with God's help—are the hope of the church and of the modern, disturbed community. Keep moving forward as a Christian! You will be in good company. Your zeal will encourage others to do more than love Christ: Follow Him, keep His commandments (John 14:15)!

—B.H.

- 20 — Golden Rule Summer Conference, Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C.  
21-27 — Massachusetts Summer Conference, East Northfield  
25-27 — Ohio Convention, Dayton  
26-28 — New York State Convention, Oneonta

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# **The 1970 Albert H. Diebold Awards TOP AWARD WINNERS**

## **FIRST AWARD — INDIVIDUALS**

\$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75)  
for the expenses of attending the Canada Convention

**Sherry Lee Washabaugh, Bedford Heights, Ohio**

For her sermon, "Anyone Goin' My Way?"

## **FIRST AWARD — SOCIETIES**

\$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100)  
for the expenses of one or more youth representatives  
to attend the Canada Convention

**Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Societies**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia**

For their three-fold Youth Witness Project

## **FIRST AWARD — UNIONS**

\$125 in cash

**Montgomery County Christian Endeavor Union  
Pennsylvania**

For its project "Free Dope on Drugs"

The winning individuals, societies, and unions in Christian Endeavor's 1970 Christian Youth Witness Program will be honored during the 16th World's and 50th International Christian Endeavor Conventions August 9-23 in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, according to announcement by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society. The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented during the conventions, which will be held concurrently.

Individual winners entered an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after February 15, 1969, and completed by February 16 of this year. Entries were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, Christian witness to the community, and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the program.

Societies and unions sponsored and reported completed Christian witness activities begun after February 15 last year. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, Christian witness, and overall effectiveness.

Judges for individual entries were Phyllis G. Brown of Richmond, Virginia; A. W. Saum, Columbus, Ohio; and Clyde Sherck, Port Colborne, Ontario. Society and local union entries were judged by Magdalene H. Schubert of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Melvin H. Forney of Philadelphia.

In addition to cash awards and grants listed, attractive award plaques go to all winners; other qualified entrants will receive honor certificates.

# Sherry Washabaugh Top Individual Winner

Sherry, who is 17 and a senior at Bedford High School, won first place honors for the sermon she preached February 1 as part of the Youth Sunday morning worship of Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio. She was selected as the 15th annual Youth Preacher of the church.

Sherry, vice-president of the Senior High Society, has been active in Christian Endeavor for eight years, holding various offices. She is a member of the Youth Choir and is an accomplished soloist. In the Cuyahoga Sunrise Christian Endeavor Union Sherry is vice-president and program chairman.

At Bedford High Sherry is a member of the Madrigals, the a cappella choir, Shorthand Club, Bearcat Boosters Club, and Friendship Club. She has a 100 word per minute certificate for proficiency in shorthand.

In addition to these church and school activities, Sherry is a Rainbow Girl and works as a part-time office girl at Sears Service Parts Warehouse. After graduation in June she expects to work as a secretary.

The minister, C. D. Read, thought her sermon was so good that he had it printed in the weekly MILES AVENEWS paper, in three installments. Mrs. E. G. Colquitt, youth counselor, calls Sherry "an exceptional young lady."

In her sermon Sherry said, "Too many people are doing this exact thing with their lives today. As far as Christ is concerned they take a gamble. They are all hoping for heaven, but whether or not they ever get there is another story. They play the cards, so to speak. To them, life is one big game. They figure that they can win, or they can lose, but they don't really care one way or the

other. They have the feeling that someone has to lose; and most of them do!"

"Take a long look at yourself," Sherry suggested. "Not your outward appearance, but what is on the inside. What does your heart look like? Is it clean? Aside from all the tar and who knows what else you are collecting there, what is in your heart? Is it full of hate and filth, perhaps? God won't even want to come in. You must sincerely want Him to come in and save you. He will wash your sins all away."

Later in her sermon Sherry stated, "If you do accept Him, and you take the road which leads to heaven, live every day for Him. Hardships may come your way, and temptations may try to lure you away, but don't turn back. Continue down the road. Make the most of every moment. Help others whom you may pass, make others happy because you passed their way. When you find yourself being tempted, don't give in. With God alongside of you, you will face every day with little trouble. And when each day is over, ask yourself if you did your best."

Her sermon closed with these words, "So what will it be? Will you accept Him when He comes to you? I have found the road I am going to take. I've met God, and I have accepted Him. My life has more meaning now. The temptations are a lot easier to overcome since I've taken Christ as my personal Saviour, and the rewards are greater than I can possibly put into words. How about you? Is there anyone here goin' my way?"

Sherry sang a solo, "Each Step I Take," to conclude her message.



## SECOND AWARD — INDIVIDUALS

\$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$50)

for the expenses of attending the Canada Convention

**Douglas Samuel Marshall, Little Neck, New York**

For his sermon "The Christian Endeavor Pledge"

Douglas, who is 17, gave his sermon at the 9:30 worship service of The Community Church of Little Neck when Christian Endeavor Sunday was observed February 8. Boy Scouts from the surrounding area were also present in recognition of Boy Scout Sunday. Douglas is treasurer of the Senior High Society; Rev. Warren E. Darnell is his pastor.

In his sermon Douglas said he considered what his topic should be; he decided he did not want to sound like the six o'clock news so he determined to talk about the remedy rather than the many problems facing youth today.

"The Pledge we have all read is not a product of the 'Now' generation nor is it a product of the 'Establishment,' but it is everlasting and represents man's yearning to please God," said Douglas. "The first part of the Pledge is without a doubt the most important. Many young people have made this promise and this promise in turn has led them into lives of Christian service. In the opening sentence we state that we trust not in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Douglas closed his sermon by stating, "To live a Pledge that has been tested for almost 90 years, Christian Endeavor, unlike other organizations that rebel but offer nothing constructive in their programs, invites young people to rebel against the evils of this world, the misery, injustices, immorality, and hypocrisy, BUT, and I emphasize BUT, to replace them with the genuine reality of Christ's love for us in all that we do. There is only one way to change the world, there is only one way to ever achieve peace, and that is to TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST."

## THIRD AWARD — INDIVIDUALS

\$50 in cash

**Marlene Brown, Miamisburg, Ohio**

For her letter to President Richard M. Nixon

Marlene, who is 15, is a freshman at Carlisle High School and is active in the Junior High-Senior High Youth Groups of New Jersey Presbyterian Church. Rev. Clair E. Beatty is pastor.

Marlene wrote a letter to President Richard M. Nixon which was printed in THE FRANKLIN CHRONICLE with an editorial; later an article about her letter appeared in THE MIDDLETOWN JOURNAL. Because of these articles she was asked to speak to the youth of Yankee Road First Church of God in Middletown.

Marlene says, "The reason I wrote my letter was to show, as a youth, how I felt about God and what is being done about God in our country. When I first wrote the letter, I had no intention of sending it to the President or of entering it in this Christian Youth Witness Program. Then I realized that no one would know how any of the youth feel if I did not send it."

In her letter Marlene deals with her feelings about God, the Bible, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, and prayer in space. She says, "I thought that there was freedom of speech and freedom of religion in this country. It seems as if we've been cut short of a little of each of these things."

## INDIVIDUAL RUNNER-UP WINNERS

\$25 each in cash

(Listed alphabetically)

**Richard Hendershot, Kitchener, Ontario**

For a television dramatic presentation "Where Is God?"

Rick, the president of the Ontario Union, is 21 and a senior at Waterloo Lutheran University. With his wife Judy he serves as advisor for the Christian Endeavor Society at Charles Street United Brethren Church, Kitchener.

"Where Is God?" was presented as part of CKKW's Concern program.

Rick was joined by Rev. C. Keith Nicholson, minister of his church, in the presentation.

Of the program Rick says, "In part it was a defense of the 'youthful' movement towards freedom and creativity and individuality; on the other hand it was an expression of the fact that true individuality only comes when we 'follow Jesus in the way.'"

**Becky Noll, Martinsburg, West Virginia**

For her talk "Changing World . . . Eternal Christ—Through Personal Living"

Becky, who is 18, is a freshman at Shepherd College and is recreation superintendent for the West Virginia Union. She is active in Tuscarora Presbyterian Church. She gave her talk here and at Tabler Presbyterian Church on February 1. Basing her message on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, she

said, "It is time for you to use every minute of every day for work of the church. Christ is the main work of our clock and you are the second hand ticking away the precious useful time we have."

Becky won \$50 in the 1969 Christian Youth Witness Program.

**William J. Stephens, Evansville, Indiana**

For his talk "Being an American"

William gave his talk before his speech class at Rex Mundi High School where he is a senior and also gave it at Immanuel Presbyterian Church February 1.

President of the Junior High-High School Society, William is 17. There were about 300 present to hear his message.

In his winning talk Mr. Stephens said, "How can we find God in Vietnam or in racial crises or in a student uprising at the same routine church service we attend each Sunday? I think youth want a church of religious practice which relates God to these problems."

**Clydea Louise West, St. Louis, Missouri**

For her unique Halloween program for shut-ins

Youngest of the individual winners is Clydea, who is 13, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clyde West. Her father is minister of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church where she is chairman of the Lookout Committee of the Junior High Society.

Clydea's entry was an unusual family project which takes her en-

tire family (parents and four children) to visit shut-ins, the lonely etc., on October 31 with a special Halloween program. Of their 1969 project she says, "This year we made our regular visits. We were also invited to give our program at the first integrated party being held in a changing neighborhood."





Junior Highs and Senior Highs at Fall Planning Conference

## Two Societies Join Forces to Place First

The Youth Witness Project of the Junior High and Senior High Societies of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, was three-fold. It emphasized personal evangelism; gave information on the use and abuse of drugs; and proclaimed that Jesus Christ is the answer to the drug situation and all problems youth face.

More than 40 youth participated - 19 from the Junior High group and 22 from the Senior High Society. An average of 30-35 took part in the special project events. These youth also continued their regular schedule of society and church activities (for example, at least 25 youth attended Wednesday night prayer service each week).

Last summer the young people took part in a five-week series of training classes on personal evangelism, with an average of 20-25 present. In the daytime they did actual visitation. This has been continued on a monthly basis with 8 to 10 youth visiting each time. In the visits the youth give personal testimonies and when possible present the plan of salvation.

The two societies decided to join forces during their joint Fall Planning Conference October 10-11 at Camp Montgomery, Fincastle, Virginia.

A Youth Witness Committee to plan and guide activities was set up

with Teddy Whichard, chairman, and Wanda Bratton from the Senior High Society and Glenda Whitlow and Chris Hall from the Junior High group.

The youth attended a November 15 local rally to see the movie "Flip Side" for background information. On November 23 they sponsored a showing of the film "Narcotics, Pit of Despair" at their church and on December 7 Rick Hansen, former drug addict, spoke at the Christian Endeavor hour and in the evening church service. To publicize these events they made posters for schools and stores and sent invitations to 21 area churches and to 27 young people.

The whole project concluded February 1 when the minister spoke on "The Drug Demon" during the Christian Endeavor Day observance at church.

Another facet of their efforts was the sending of letters to the editors of four newspapers serving Roanoke Valley; two printed the letter (see cover of this issue). Also a letter was sent to Congressman Richard H. Poff.

Larry Moore is Senior High president with Mrs. Jerry G. Booker and Curtis Carroll as counselors. Sharon Carroll is Junior High leader with Barbara Dority and Bob Owen as counselors. Three of the four counselors are under 25 years of age. Rev. Charles McNutt is minister.



**HARLINGEN ENDEAVORERS** crossed the border to Mexico to deliver clothing, magazines, money, and other items to Rev. Hector Garcia, minister of First Christian Church, Reynosa. Before heading home they posed with Mr. Garcia (right) of the church steps.

## SECOND AWARD — SOCIETIES

\$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Canada Convention

**Christian Endeavor Societies**  
**First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas**  
 For their monthly Christian Witness projects

More than 60 youth from the Junior, Junior High, and High School Societies participated in this year-long project, under the direction of Mickie Yale and Judith Sanders. Mrs. R. H. Fuqua is director of youth activities and Willie E. Davis is minister.

Projects included: supporting a young person through Christian Children's Fund; gathering items for

First Christian Church, Reynosa, Mexico; helping with vacation Bible school; gathering materials for church in Brownsville; visiting needy homes; collecting items to help Hurricane Camille victims; canvassing for CROP; Thanksgiving basket for a needy family; float "Pulling for Christ" in Christmas Parade; and Youth Week Banquet with guests from two nearby churches.

## THIRD AWARD — SOCIETIES

\$50 in cash

**Young People's Christian Endeavor Society**  
**Maplewood Congregational Church, St. Louis, Missouri**  
 For its Teen-age Missionary Ministry Project

During the project year this group grew from a membership of 8 to a total of 18 active members, ages 14-19, and an average attendance of 21. Barbara Kohm is president; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kumpe are counselors; and Rev. Russell W. Boettcher is pastor.

Among the varied activities were these: car wash and garage sale to help a young missionary couple; collecting coupons for Navajo Children's Mission School in New Mexico; collecting clothing for Sunshine Mission

and conducting devotional services there; and visiting shut-ins.

The group reports, "We have received such great blessings from our efforts that we are planning to continue."

ST. LOUIS YOUTH serve refreshments at Christian Endeavor birthday program.





## SOCIETY RUNNER-UP WINNERS

\$25 each in cash

(listed alphabetically by state)

### Junior Christian Endeavor Society

First Baptist Church of West Washington, Washington, D.C.

For its Census of Daily Bible Reading

Eleven Juniors adopted a project to emphasize daily Bible reading and encourage new members. Lenwood Hamilton, society president, wrote to all Endeavorers of the church enlisting support. A census was taken for five Sundays, showing an average of

45% of those counted had read the Bible daily the preceding week. An offering of \$27.55 was given to the American Bible Society. Mrs. Vivian Saunders is sponsor; Rev. Wellington D. Abrams is minister.

### Junior High-Senior High Youth Group

New Jersey Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Ohio

For its project "Concern for Everyone"

This project emphasized concern for children international, the sick, shut-ins, the aged, and young parents. The group collected \$167.59 for UNICEF, adopted a child in India and paid \$12 a month for his sup-

port, held monthly devotional services at the Carlisle Care Center, and caroled for shut-ins. Tom Muchmore is president, Debbie Brown project chairman, and Rev. Clair E. Beatty minister.

### Junior High Christian Endeavor Society

Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For its project "Bridging the Gap"

Activities November through January by the 15 Endeavorers in this group placed main emphasis on a series of ads in the PAXTON HERALD to help bridge the gap in the home, church, school, and nation. Other activities were a Teen-Parents

Party; publishing a newspaper, "The Bridge"; writing personal letters to the President of the United States; and each member contributing \$1 to the International Society. Melanie Dorn is president; Rev. James K. Rapp is pastor.

### Young People's Christian Endeavor Society

Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

For its project "Let's Demonstrate for Christ"

This project began June 1969 when six members helped teach mentally retarded children how to swim; this led to contributions to help organize a Sunday school for retarded children. The society raised \$100 in a

"Bibles for Vietnam Campaign," placed displays on Christian Endeavor in local shopping areas, took part in an interview on WLEE-Radio, and held a "Pray-In." Donna McLear is president.

NEW CARLISLE Endeavorers (left photo) visit Care Center for devotions; Harrisburg Junior Highs (right) work on letters to the President.





Busy Endeavorers at Publicity Work Day

## Montgomery County First in Union Competition

The project of this union emphasized a two-fold purpose: (1) to provide a witnessing program to train Christian youth to meet and talk with people about the Lord and to give them an opportunity to put what they learned into operation; (2) to provide assistance for the public schools to aid them in working out problems with drugs.

There are approximately twenty churches affiliated with the Montgomery County Union. A committee to direct the project was formed which included 24 youth and 10 adults and was headed by Marie A. Forsyth of Norristown, first vice-president of the union.

Planning began July 22. The program of training for calling started in September with Sunday afternoon sessions. The community religious survey centered in the 1,700 homes of the Hatfield area and was carried out on Sunday afternoons in October and early November.

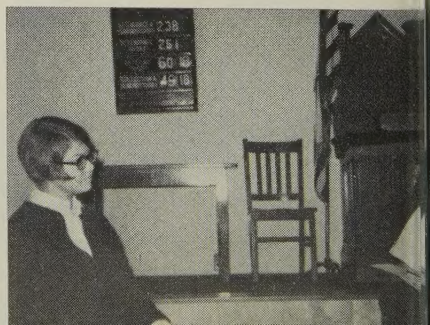
A Publicity Work Day was held September 20 to prepare posters for distribution to churches, schools, and businesses, as well as newspaper and radio releases and items for mailings.

There were 125 present at the October 26 rally at Central Schwenk-

felder Church to see the movie "Youth in a Fix" and hear Rev. Robert Rainbow and ex-addicts from Teen Challenge Training Center at Rehersburg. That evening the team presented a similar program at First Presbyterian Church of Olney in Philadelphia as part of its annual Missionary Conference.

The county union contacted schools in the area and offered to provide informative programs to present the truth about the effects of drugs. Programs were held at Plymouth Junior High, Upper Moreland Junior High, Indian Valley Junior High, Spring-Ford Junior High, Christoper Dock Mennonite High School, Perkiomen Prep School, and Northeastern Christian Junior College. Christian Endeavor personnel with teams from Teen Challenge participated. Movies were shown, ex-addicts gave their own stories, and students had opportunity to ask questions.

Paul F. Kuntz of Conshohocken is county union president.



ROLE-PLAYING a typical call is good training for the visitation and survey program.

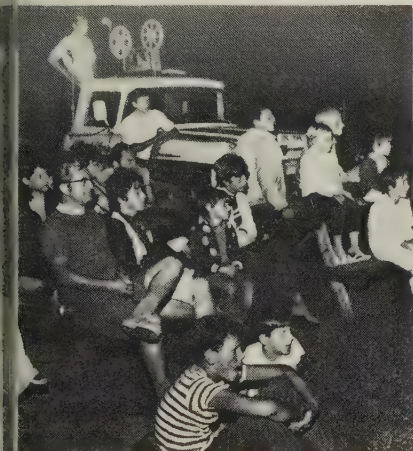


## SECOND AWARD — UNIONS

\$75 in cash

Welland County Christian Endeavor Union  
Ontario

For its beach film ministry project



For their film ministry at Sherckston Beaches June 29-August 31, Welland County Endeavorers under the direction of John Day, president, purchased a used movie projector and arranged to show Gospel films to appeal to all ages.

Each week a team of approximately six went to the private beach, with youth assisting in setting up and showing the film and becoming involved in personal discussion with members of the audience.

Total attendance for the ten nights was 700-800. No admission was charged and no offering taken. People sat in their cars or on the grass or chairs they brought. The movies were shown on an 8' piece of plywood painted white and mounted on a truck.

TYPICAL Sunday night audience made up of all ages. Films shown include "Flip Side," "Fast Way Nowhere," "Worlds Apart," "Beloved Enemy," "The Bobby Richardson Story," and "Face the Music."

Cost of the project, including purchase of the projector, was \$1,000; churches in the union provided financial support.

## THIRD AWARD — UNIONS

\$50 in cash

Clackamas County Christian Endeavor Union  
Oregon

For its float "Yesterday, Today, Forever the Ground is Level at the Cross"

The float entered in four community parades featured an open Bible with the Scripture "Come unto Me,"

a blood-stained cross, and a group of Endeavorers dressed to represent different races and classes.

In the Molalla Buckeroo Parade the float won the sweepstakes trophy; in the Gladstone Fair-o-fun, a first place ribbon in its class; and second place at West Linn Community Days. The Veteran's Day Parade at Albany required a 70-mile trip, but had the largest audience. William Simpson was project chairman; David McKenzie is union president.



# NEWS

## North Carolina Wins Honors

Winner of first-place honors at the April 30 check up in International Society's Canada Registration Contest is the North Carolina Union, with a 40% gain toward its minimum goal during March and April. Mrs. Pansy Myers is registrar; Mrs. Doris K. Campbell is president. For their efforts the Tar Heelers received a \$10 check.

With a 30% gain during this period Hawaii took second place, followed by Pennsylvania with a 24% increase and Indiana with 21%.

West Virginia is still out in front in total registrations with 130% already in. Missouri is second with 110%, followed by North Carolina with 92%.

Next report date is May 28, with additional reports June 30 and July 31. A \$10 check is at stake on each date, with the union securing the highest percentage of its minimum goal being awarded housing and meal costs (worth \$38) at the convention for a union representative. The top five unions will receive special award banners based on their standing July 31.

## Hymnsing for 5,000

The Pennsylvania Union's "Hymnsing for 5,000" drew a crowd of almost that number to the Albright College Field House, Reading, on April 18. Bus loads brought Endeavorers from many areas.

"God is not dead and neither is Christian Endeavor," said J. Stuart Seaverns, president of the Pennsylvania Union, during the very successful event.

A newspaper account said that the "singing seemed to raise the roof." Speaking of Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and song leader for the occasion, the paper said, "Watching him direct one could not help but feel like singing. He seemed to have the crowd in his hand throughout the entire evening."

Guest soloist was Dave Boyer of New York. Between his songs he told of his conversion from night club singing and drug addiction. Following his message he gave the invitation and about fifty young people came forward.

## Christian Tirre to Hawaii

Rev. Christian A. Tirre, former executive secretary of the International Society, will become pastor of two United Churches of Christ in Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii, beginning July 1. He will serve in the United Church of Christ denomination while maintaining his standing in the United Presbyterian Church.

In March Mr. Tirre spent 10 days in Hawaii and assisted in reorganization of the Kauai United Christian Endeavor Union. He also participated in the Oregon Convention at Eugene. His wife Joanne is also very active in Christian Endeavor work. The Tirres' mailing address will be P.O. Box 260, Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii 96716.







LITERATURE TABLE attracts delegates at Lancaster County (Pennsylvania) convention.

**Times Like These—Christ**  
Theme for the Lancaster County Spring Convention April 11 at Leacock United Presbyterian Church, Paradise, Pennsylvania, was "Times Like These—Christ." The program included conferences, a banquet with Rev. Glenn Miller as toastmaster, and the evening service when the film "Flip Side" was shown. New officers installed by Rev. Roger Hain included Donald Brubaker, president; Elvin Ressler, first vice-president; Evelyn Brackbill, second vice-president; Dorothy Hitz, secretary; Donald Anderson, treasurer; and Rev. David Heffner, pastor counselor.

COMMITTEE WORK was detailed by these posters prepared for Christian Endeavor Week activities at Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia. A large theme poster was placed on the church lawn. The Young People's Society won runner-up honors in the 1970 Christian Youth Witness Program (story on page 9).

## Coming to Canada?

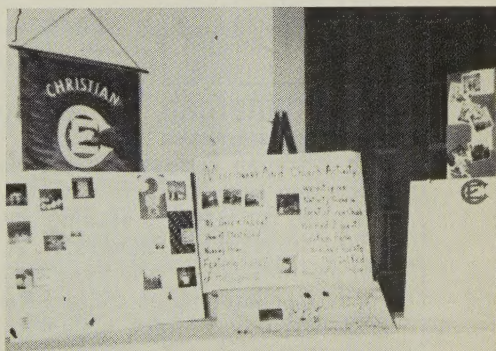
In answer to the challenge from the "Sing Out Christian Endeavor Group" of New Cumberland, West Virginia, which appeared on the back cover of the March issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, the Junior High Society of the First Baptist Church of West Washington, Washington, D.C., plans to take all 12 of its members to the convention in Kitchener-Waterloo this August.

Mrs. Eunice H. Nelson, sponsor, reports that the group is sponsoring several events to raise money, including a bake sale and a spring recital by their Angelic Choir.

Word has been received from Jamaica that a group of 32 is already registered for Canada. Tour groups of over 20 from Australia, about 50 from Great Britain, and almost 200 from Germany are being organized, plus a group of perhaps 30 from Hawaii.

Three delegates are expected from Mexico. Guatemala, Guyana, Sierra Leone, the Netherlands, Samoa, New Zealand, Japan, and many other countries will also be represented.

They're coming to Canada — are you?

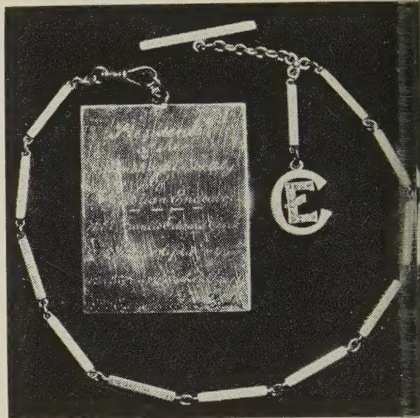


# PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN

Pictured here is the Francis E. Clark Presidential Chain of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. It was originally presented to Dr. Francis E. Clark on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. It was a love token from Endeavorers from every state in the union and from every province in Canada.

The chain has twelve links, each one a little less than an inch long. The links are square and on each flat side is engraved the name of a state or province. All fifty states are there as well as Mexico. The CE monogram is in gold, set with small stones outlining the "E." The back of the "C" bears the name "Dr. F. E. Clark" and the date "July 1911." The chain traveled many miles—thousands of them with Dr. Clark, many more with each successive president.

The attached plate has an inscription, "Presidents of the International Society of Christian Endeavor," then the date and name of each newly-elected president. There are now



four names on the front and three on the back of the plate. The names on the front are:

1887 Francis E. Clark  
1925 Daniel Alfred Poling  
1949 Ernest Rowlett Bryan  
1955 Earle Winslow Gates

And on the back:

1959 Clyde W. Meadows  
1963 Arch J. McQuilkin  
1967 Elwood Dunn

**Passionsspiele**  
1970



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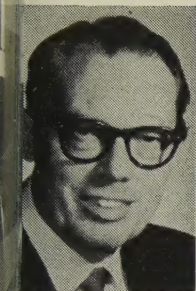
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# Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

In the opening session of the International Christian Endeavor Convention at Kansas City July 3-8, 1929, Mrs. Francis E. Clark presented the Presidential Chain (see opposite page) to Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Dr. Poling had presented Mrs. Clark to the convention which received her with great delight. This gracious lady then in an eloquently worded speech presented the chain to the president, Dr. Daniel A. Poling. She told about the chain and then said, "You have been as dear as a son to us, and I can think of no one to whom Mr. Clark would so gladly have me pass on this chain as to you.

"I hope you will wear it in loving memory of him as a trust and as a reminder of the high spiritual aims with which the first Christian Endeavor society was organized. I am sure that you will try to keep the standard just as high. I hope that you will wear this chain so long as you are the president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; and if the day should come, many years hence I hope, when you shall be so old and 'full of years' that you feel that you must lay the burden down then I trust that you will pass on the chain with its memories and its trust, to your successor."

In 1949 I was attending my first International Convention as a novice general secretary. I remember the high moment when with a simple, impressive ceremony Dr. Poling

reached that moment described by Mrs. Clark and fastened the chain to the lapel of his successor, Ernest Rowlett Bryan. It has been my rare opportunity to see the ceremony of the passing of the chain for each president to this date.


It was Dr. Bryan who saw the need for a place to record the names of the presidents and arranged for the plate and the engraving.

The handsome case for the chain was handmade of exceptionally fine leather and was the gift of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union. The inside of the cover bears in gold letters this inscription:

This chain presented to Francis E. Clark,  
founder and first president  
of Christian Endeavor,  
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in many states and lands,  
is given by Mrs. Francis E. Clark  
to Daniel A. Poling,  
Dr. Clark's successor, to be held  
by him during his presidency of the  
International Society of  
Christian Endeavor. It shall be known as  
The "Francis E. Clark Presidential Chain"  
and shall remain as the property  
of the International Society

Mrs. Clark's final words in the presentation to Dr. Poling were: "May this chain ever remind the wearer and those who look upon it of our promise, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do.' God bless you, dear Dan Poling."

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